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SUBJECT: ECEVIT TRIP TO US

REF: ANKARA 5164

1. WASHINGTON-AMERICAN ASSOCIATION, TURKISH STUDENT ALLIANCE, AND MARYLAND AMERICAN TURKISH ASSOCIATION, WOULD LIKE TO SPONSOR A LECTURE BY BULENT ECEVIT EVENING JULY 29 AT GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY. THEY HAVE TENTATIVELY RESERVED AUDITORIUM WHICH SEATS 600. THIS STRIKES US AS GOOD OPPORTUNITY FOR EXPOSURE TO STUDENT GROUPS IN WASHINGTON AND TURKISH EMBASSY SHARES OUR VIEW. INVITATION BEING SENT AIR MAIL TO ECEVIT, BUT REPRESENTATIVE ASKED IF WE WOULD TRANSMIT INVITATION TELEGRAPHICALLY SO PUBLICITY MATERIALS COULD BE WRITTEN AND PRINTED.

2. ALTEMUR KILIC HAS REQUESTED PHOTOGRAPHS AND OTHER PROMOTIONAL MATERIALS SOONEST. PERHAPS MOST EFFECTIVE METHOD WOULD BE TO HAVE KOLOGLU HAND CARRY SUCH MATERIALS IF THEY CANNOT BE QUICKLY ASSEMBLED. WE WOULD ALSO WELCOME SUCH MATERIALS FOR USE IN WASHINGTON, NORTH CAROLINA AND CHICAGO.

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3. HOUSE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE, HAS CONFIRMED

COFFEE WITH ECEVIT JULY 28 AT 10:30 A.M. TO BE HOSTED BY

CHAIRMAN MORGAN. TURKISH EMBASSY PLANS TO SCHEDULE PRESS
CONFERENCE, PROBABLY LATE AFTERNOON JULY 29, DEPENDING
UPON CONFIRMATION OF OTHER REQUESTED APPOINTMENTS.

4. EXPERIENCE WITH TRAIN TRAVEL HAS BEEN UNIFORMLY
BAD WITH FOREIGN VISITOR SCHEDULES. WE SHALL TRY TO
ACCOMMODATE ECEVIT'S WISHES, BUT DUE TO BREVITY OF HIS
STAY AND TIGHTNESS OF SCHEDULE, IT DOES NOT APPEAR VERY
FEASIBLE. KISSINGER

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